



# Arkansas Milk Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *Quarterly Milk Production Report*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

## First Quarter Milk Production Down 5 Percent

Arkansas milk production during the January-March 2010 quarter was 41 million pounds, down 5 percent from the same period in 2009, but up 11 percent from the October-December 2009 quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter was 13,000 head, down 500 head from the same period last year, but unchanged from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of milk cows decreased from last quarter while milk production increased.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Quarter, Arkansas and U.S., 2008-2010

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2008	2009	2010	% Change from '09	2008	2009	2010	% Change from '09
<b>Milk Cows<sup>1</sup></b>	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, Jan - March	16.0	13.5	13.0	-4	9,285	9,295	9,089	- 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	15.0	13.0			9,315	9,262		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - Sept	14.0	13.0			9,329	9,155		
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, Oct - Dec	14.0	13.0			9,331	9,090		
<b>Milk Production<sup>2</sup></b>	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter, Jan- March	52	43	41	-5	47,609	47,374	47,331	- 0.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter, April - June	52	46			48,768	48,888		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter, July - Sept	41	38			46,870	46,793		
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter, Oct - Dec	41	37			46,735	46,265		

<sup>1</sup> Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk nursed by calves.

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